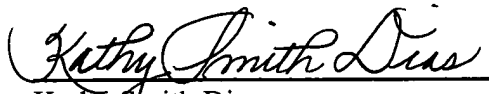


REMARKS

This application is a continuation-in-part of PCT/JP01/10234. By this Amendment, the claims are amended to comport with U.S. practice and a replacement sequence listing is being added to the specification.

Favorable consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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